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ADDITIONAL HEARING DATES SET IN AQUILA, INC. REQUEST

JEFFERSON CITY--The Missouri Public Service Commission will continue to hold hearings next week in a case filed by Aquila, Inc. seeking Commission authority to construct a new power plant in Cass County.

The Commission held hearings in this matter on March 28-29, 2005. These hearings will continue on **April 4-8, 2005** in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, in Jefferson City. The hearing on Monday, April 4, 2005, will begin at 10:00 a.m.

On January 28, 2005, Aquila, Inc. filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking a certificate of convenience and necessity to provide electric service. Aquila seeks a certificate so that it can build its South Harper Facility and Peculiar Substation in Cass County near Peculiar, Missouri. The South Harper Facility would be a peaking-power production facility. It would have three natural gas-fired combustion turbines. The Peculiar Substation would have associated transmission substations.

Aquila, Inc. serves approximately 222,000 electric customers in the former Missouri Public Service service territory and approximately 64,000 electric customers in the former St. Joseph Light & Power service area.

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Case No. EA-2005-0248